of the National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last three years is as Under.—

Year		Sanctioned Amount	(Rs. in Crore)
	Plan	Non Plan	Total
2000-01	66.00	23.94	89.94
2001-02	97.99	28.68	126.67
2002-03	129.76	20.25	150.01

(b) to (e) All proposals for declaration of new National Highways received from the State Governments, including those received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, were returned in June 2002 for review based on the revised guidelines for declaration of new National Highways. Presently there is a ban on the declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may, however, consider declaration of very limited lengths of a few State Highways as National Highways during the course of the Tenth Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

National Highways on East Coast

3698. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ROAD AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to construct a National Highway on the East-Coast;

(b) whether the State Governments have submitted any proposals in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have examined their proposals; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C.KHANDURI]:(a)No,Sir.

(b) to (e) All the proposals for conversion of State roads into National

Highways have been returned to the respective State Governments. Presently there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may, however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways into National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan on the basis of the revised guidelines, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

National Highways Projects in Andhra Pradesh

3699. Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some external agencies have provided assistance for the National Highways projects in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of each of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:(a)YesSir.

(b) and (c) Seven External Aided Projects covering a length of 242 km in Andhra Pradesh have been taken up. All projects have been completed. The details of the projects are:

SI. No.	Stretch	NH No.	Length (km)	Funding agency	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	From km 325/0 to 380/0 of Vijayawada-Chilkaluripet Section	5	25	JBIC	Completed
2.	From km 380/0 to 396/9 of Vijayawada-Chilkaluripet Section	5	32	JBIC	-do-
3.	From km 408/0 to 420/5 of Vijayawada-Chilkaluripet Section	5	23.78	JBIC	-do-